

House Resolution No. 870

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives enjoy a long, proud tradition of meeting their responsibilities to the citizens of this state while upholding the virtues represented by the "Glorious Missouri": Knowledge, Liberty, Equality, Law, Justice, Fraternity, Education, Progress, Honor, Truth, Virtue, Temperance, Enterprise, and Charity; and

Whereas, these virtues are engraved in the House Chamber of the State Capitol with the inscription: "All the foregoing human qualities bind into one theme, the Glorious Missouri because no people attain these virtues unless they are great."; and

Whereas, the "Glorious Missouri" virtues were engraved in the early 1920s under the direction of the Decorating Commission, which recognized their relevance and importance to the early Missouri Legislature; and

Whereas, the "Glorious Missouri" Award was created to encourage the values held by the early leaders of Missouri and to recognize those standards as exemplified in our schools and communities by this state's young people, the future of Missouri; and

Whereas, Emily Griffard, a student at Our Lady of Providence School in St. Louis, has been selected to receive the "Glorious Missouri" Award for her accomplishments in the area of EQUALITY as defined by the intent of the Decorating Commission for the Capitol in 1922: "Equality as intended by the Missouri Legislature in 1922 was not about equality in ability, but that all are equal before the law and that the good sportsmanship of our people will see to it that no one loyal to the principles of our government shall be hindered in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.";

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in commending Emily Griffard for her noteworthy achievements in the pursuit of "EQUALITY", and in extending to her heartfelt congratulations at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Emily Griffard, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Murphy
District No. 95

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 870, adopted March 19, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker